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What's New in Livingston?

Livingston County's New Dental Center

Did you know that 21.3% of Livingston County residents reported no dental visit within the past year? Those with lower incomes and no dental insurance are more likely to have dental health access issues. But now there is a solution! A brand new dental center, owned by Livingston County and operated by My Community Dental Centers, will provide quality oral health care to all patients in need of a new dental home. The center will focus specifically on patients who are underserved or without insurance; those on Medicaid, Healthy Michigan Plan, or Healthy Kids; and those who have difficulty accessing dental services.

The center will open January 2017 and is located at 1355 Byron Road in Howell. New patients can register by calling (877) 313-6232 or visiting www.mydental.org.



The Health Department would like to thank the Livingston County Board of Commissioners for their continuous support for this project and St. Joseph Mercy Livingston Hospital for their financial support.

VINA Dental will continue to serve non-Medicaid and uninsured adults in Brighton

Collaboration Works!

HOARDING TASK FORCE

The Livingston Leadership Council on Aging (LLCOA) and the Area Agency on Aging 1-B (AAA 1-B) partnered together to offer a training to the community on working with persons with Hoarding behaviors and issues. The training was provided at no cost thanks to the support of Livingston County Catholic Charities. Over 70 professionals and community members gathered in September at the Livingston EMS Headquarters to hear presenters from the Washtenaw County Hoarding Task Force, who provided insight into what hoarding actually looks like, how it is defined, and tactics for addressing hoarding challenges. Feedback from the training was overwhelmingly positive as many people felt they gained

knowledge on how to help clients and family members who have hoarding behaviors.

The day ended with a group of individuals committing to next steps of developing a Hoarding Task Force. The Livingston County Hoarding Task Force met for the first time in November. They identified some realistic goals and will begin to collect:

- Data to identify the scope of the problem
- Code Requirements
- Resources for workers

If you are interested in joining the efforts of the Livingston County Hoarding Task Force, please contact Anne Rennie at arennie@cmhliv.org



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Funding to Watch

LACASA CASA Program

LACASA Center's **Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)** program recently received additional funding to expand and advocate for more children in Livingston County's Abuse/Neglect Court System.

CASA is a part of the National CASA organization which is a network of over 76,000 trained and screened volunteers who advocate in and out of court for our most vulnerable children. Advocates participate in specialized training programs and are appointed by a judge. CASA of Livingston County program started in 2010 and assumed its first cases in 2011. Since then, 68 volunteers have advocated for more than 130 local children.

The additional funding for the program was awarded by Livingston County and will help the organization expand its capabilities and its volunteer training programs. "We are grateful to Livingston County for making vulnerable children a priority," said Sara Applegate, J.D., director of LACASA's CASA program.

LACASA's CASA program works in conjunction with the Livingston County Court System and the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

CASA volunteers often are the only consistent adults in the lives of abused and neglected children. They serve as a child's voice during court proceedings and advocate for their wellbeing throughout the time they are in foster care.

Applegate said, "We encourage anyone who is interested in becoming a CASA volunteer to submit an application. Our volunteers tell us that becoming a CASA advocate is one of the most rewarding experiences of their lives."

Anyone interested in learning more about the **CASA Volunteer Training Program** may contact Sara Applegate at 517-548-1350, email her at

sapplegate@lacasacenter.org,



County Opportunities

Transportation Summit

The Livingston County Transportation Coalition is hosting a Transportation Summit on January 17th from 8 AM -12 PM at Cleary University Johnson Center.

The event will have the following goals:

Learn what other communities in Michigan are doing to improve transportation
Meet and listen to other transportation stakeholders from other areas of the community: seniors, businesses, bicyclists, community leaders, elected officials, employers, service organizations, workers, commuters, faith-based organizations, young professionals and many others

Discuss our current situation, changing needs and demographics, your needs and wishes, and the future of transpor-

tation in Livingston County
This is our chance to influence the future of transportation for ourselves and our friends and neighbors.

RSVP at www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F0C4DAEAC28A5F49-livingston

Please join us as we take the discussion from ideas to plans.



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Ensuring a system of support for members of our community.

What is the Purpose of the Livingston County HSCB?

The Livingston HSCB started in 1989 and was officially recognized as the county Multi-Purpose Collaborative Body by the state and county Board of Commissioners in 1995. Now, referred to as a Community Collaborative by the state, the HSCB is comprised of 26 appointed members that work together to coordinate health and human services across systems. The HSCB also:

- Develops strategies and programs to meet current and future needs
- Fiscally manages state-funded collaborative initiatives
- Monitors the effectiveness and efficiency of collaborative projects

The HSCB does this work through established committees and workgroups which have specific goals and objectives to complete. The HSCB and most workgroups meet monthly and consist of representatives from public and non-profit organizations, business, and interested residents of the county. To learn about the work of the HSCB, contact Anne Rennie at arennie@cmhliv.org.

Livingston Story of Hope

Homeless Awareness Week

The Homeless Continuum of Care develops plans each year to raise awareness about Homelessness in our County. These activities have sometimes been large and sometimes more subtle, but this year the plans really hit home. The Committee is chaired by Terri Ariss, a dynamite advocate, who herself was homeless on and off for almost 10 years. She understands what it means to be homeless in our county. She pulled together the most impactful event week ever.



Terri and the HAW committee placed "somebodies" throughout the county to raise awareness and have people talking about this community challenge.

They also secured the Historic Howell Theatre to show "The Blind Side" movie which depicts a homeless youth taken in by a family who goes on to an NFL career.

But it was the event at the Howell Opera House that really took the message home. The Opera house was filled with Art from students at Brighton's Bridge Alternative HS, Scranton MS and Hartland's Legacy Alternative HS. The art depicted the students views of homelessness, which were very impactful and enlightening.

On top of that, Terri invited speakers who were either homeless currently or had been homeless to share their story and their messages of hope. The presentations and discussions really opened the door to this plight and the lack of resources available to help. Each person in the audience was not only touched by the story, but motivated to do something about it.



HAW Committee
Amy West,
Candice Olrich
Carol Rowland
Tammy Shire
and Terri Ariss



Thank You Terri and the HAW Committee for a successful week and true advocacy for this community issue!



Upcoming Events in Livingston



Holiday Meals

- Senior Nutrition will be delivering meals to people's homes. On December 15th, Senior Nutrition will be serving holiday meals at the Hamburg, Hartland, Fowlerville and Gregory Senior Centers. Contact them at 810-632-2155
- American Legion will be offering a home cooked meal on Christmas Day. You can have it delivered or join us at the post. Call 517-546-2534 for more information.
 - St. Mary Magdalen will be providing a special Christmas dinner on Christmas Day at the church. Call 810-229-8624 for more information
- Cornerstone Church will be offering a free Dinner and Concert on December 10th at 7 PM. Call for reservations, as they are required! 810-494-4059

Matching Monday Money

Maximize your gift to Livingston County United Way by giving generously December 12th and have your donation matched by sponsors. Donations stay local and are directed to the most critical needs in the community. Call 810-494-3000 or give online.

Transportation Summit

January 17th from 8-12 at Cleary University Johnson Center. Join us for a discussion about the available resources for transportation in our county and discuss ways to enhance those resources. RSVP to www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F0C4DAEAC28A5F49-livingston

HSCB Annual Meeting

Please join us on January 27th from 8:30-10 AM at the Livingston Educational Services Agency (LESA) for a look back over the last year. RSVP to Anne at arennie@cmhliv.org

Community Connect

February 4th from 9-2 at Parker Middle School. Contact Anne at arennie@cmhliv.org for exhibitor forms

OLHSA's Walk for Warmth

February 18th at 8:30 am at the Hartland Educational Support Service Center. All proceeds go to keeping the heat on in Livingston County Homes over winter. For more information contact Ashley at 248-209-2623.

Funding Partners Core Trainings for 2017

January 20th from 10-12—Conflict Resolution
February 23rd from 9-12—Substance Use Disorders with Youth and Families
March 2nd, from 1-4—Trauma Informed Practice
April 6th from 8:30-12:30—Wraparound 101
May 11th from 9-12—5 Protective Factors
June 20th from 10-1—Collaboration, Networking and Navigation
July 27th from 1-3—Disabilities 101 (Education and Medical approaches)
August 11th from 9-12— Foster Care and Adoption
September 15th from 9-12—Trauma Informed Practice
October 5—Leadership
November 10th from 9-4:30—Youth Mental Health First Aid

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